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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group:: 3632

Atty. Docket: 8266-0371

Applicants: Metz, et al.

Title: MEDICAL DEVICE
SUPPORT ASSEMBLY

Serial No.: 09/629,524

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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of November 5, 2003 please amend the above-noted
application as indicated below and consider the remarks found herein.

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response in the above-identified application:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c))	47	87	0	\$18	\$0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b))	7	13	0	\$86	\$0
If applicant has small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27, then divide total fee by 2, and enter amount here.			SMALL ENTITY TOTAL	NO	\$0
TOTAL FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS					\$0

An Extension of Time for _____ month(s) is hereby requested
under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a). The required fee for filing this extension is: _____

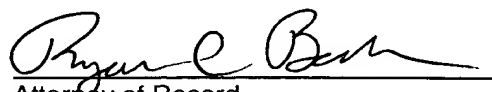
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TOTAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT

\$0

A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the total fee for this amendment is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 which may be required during the prosecution of this application, or credit of any overpayment, to Bose McKinney & Evans LLP's Deposit Account No. 02-3223. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.


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